

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer implemented method for associating multiple output devices with a drawing in a computer-implemented graphics program comprising:

selecting a first layout of said drawing;

5 selecting a first output device;

selecting a first output device configuration;

associating said first layout with said first output device and said first output device configuration;

selecting a second layout of said drawing;

10 selecting a second output device;

selecting a second output device configuration;

associating said second layout with said second output device and said second output device configuration.

15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said first and second output device selection steps and said first and second output device configuration steps are performed in a page setup dialog.

20 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said first and second output device selection steps and said first and second output device configuration steps are performed by scripting.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said association steps comprise:

saving a name for said first output device with said drawing;

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saving a name for said second output device with said drawing;
saving said first output device configuration with said drawing;
saving said second output device configuration with said drawing;
saving first additional configuration information with said first output device; and
5 saving second additional configuration information with said second output device.

5. A computer-implemented method for associating multiple output device configurations with information comprising:

selecting information;
10 selecting one or more output device configurations; and
associating said information with said one or more output device configurations.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein said information is a file.

15 7. The method of claim 5 wherein said steps are performed in a computer-implemented graphics program and said information comprises a drawing.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein said information further comprises a layout of said drawing.

20 9. The method of claim 5 further comprising:
obtaining settings for at least one of said output device configurations; and
associating said settings with said information.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said associating said settings step comprises saving said settings with said information.

5 11. The method of claim 5 wherein said selecting one or more output device configurations comprises:

retrieving a list of output device configurations;

displaying said list of output device configurations; and

10 selecting at least one output device configuration from said list of output device configurations.

12. The method of claim 5 wherein at least one of said output device configurations is for a printer.

15 13. The method of claim 5 wherein selecting an output device configuration comprises selecting a "none" configuration that does not represent an installed output device, said method further comprising selecting an output device configuration that is similar to the "none" configuration.

20 14. The method of claim 5 wherein said associating step comprises saving names of said one or more selected output device configurations with said information.

15. A system for associating multiple output device configurations with

information comprising:

a computer;

information stored on said computer;

one or more output device configurations stored on said computer;

5 means, performed by the computer, for selecting one or more of said one or more output device configurations; and

means, performed by the computer, for associating said information with said one or more selected output device configurations.

10 16. The system of claim 15 wherein said information is a file.

17. The system of claim 15 implemented in a computer-implemented graphics program and said information comprises a drawing.

15 18. The system of claim 17 wherein said information further comprises a layout of said drawing.

19. The system of claim 15 further comprising:

means, performed by the computer, for obtaining settings for at least one of said

20 output devices; and

means, performed by the computer, for associating said settings with said information.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein said means for associating comprises means for saving said settings with said information.

21. The system of claim 15 wherein said means for selecting said one or more
5 output device configurations comprises:

means, performed by said computer, for retrieving a list of said one or more output device configurations;

means, performed by said computer, for displaying said list of said one or more output device configurations; and

10 means, performed by a user of said computer, for selecting at least one of said output device configurations from said list of one or more output device configurations.

22. The system of claim 15 wherein at least one of said output device configurations is for a printer.

23. The system of claim 15 wherein the means for selecting an output device configuration comprises means for selecting a "none" configuration that does not represent an installed output device, said system further comprising means for selecting an output device configuration that is similar to the "none" configuration.

24. The system of claim 15 wherein said means for associating comprises means, performed by said computer, for saving names of said one or more selected references with said information.

25. An article of manufacture embodying logic for performing a method for associating multiple output device configurations with information, the method comprising:

selecting information;

5 selecting one or more output device configurations; and

associating said information with said one or more output device configurations.

26. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein said information is a file.

10 27. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein said method is performed in a computer-implemented graphics program and said information comprises a drawing.

28. The article of manufacture of claim 27 wherein said information further comprises a layout of said drawing.

15 29. The article of manufacture of claim 25, said method further comprising:
obtaining settings for at least one of said output device configurations; and
associating said settings with said information.

20 30. The article of manufacture of claim 30 wherein said associating said settings comprises saving said settings with said information.

31. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein said selecting one or more output device configurations comprises:

retrieving a list of output device configurations;

displaying said list of output device configurations; and

5 selecting at least one output device configuration from said list of output device configurations.

32. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein at least one of said output device configurations is for a printer.

33. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein said selecting an output device configuration comprises selecting a "none" configuration that does not represent an installed output device, said method of said article of manufacture further comprising selecting an output device configuration that is similar to the "none" configuration.

34. The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein said associating comprises saving names of said one or more selected output device configurations with said information.